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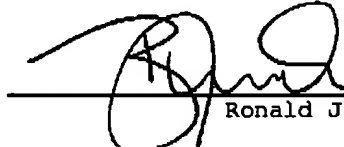
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Sir:

This paper accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2005. A petition for a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.

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